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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Agent File No.: 13193-2us PTN/df

Applicant: Germain FOURNIER et al.  
Serial No.: 09/942,682  
Filed: August 31, 2001  
Title: TURNING DEVICE FOR LUMBER AND THE LIKE  
Examiner: Richard Ridley  
Group Art Unit: 3651

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004. Kindly amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8-11 are herein amended.

Claims 4 and 12 are withdrawn without prejudice.

## IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the abstract page currently on file with the replacement page submitted herewith.